

# TRANSIT STUDY NEWS

*A publication for the Transit Development Plan*

Issue #1 – March 2007

## Transit Development Plan on Schedule

The City of Lincoln Public Works & Utilities Department/StarTran Division and the City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department continue to examine the future of public transit for our growing city through the formulation of a "Transit Development Plan" (TDP) for the City of Lincoln. The purpose of this study effort is to identify near and long-term policies and action items that will enhance current and future transit service in Lincoln.

An integral part of this study is a detailed public involvement effort that has to date included public open houses, stakeholder meetings, public drop-in sessions, and meetings of the appointed 13-member Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee includes the entire StarTran Advisory Board and other individuals representing a range of community interests.

This public involvement effort continues with two public **OPEN HOUSES** scheduled at the Energy Square building at 1111 "O" Street, Room 109a, on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. One open house will be held from **11 a.m. until 1 p.m.**, and the second will be held from **4 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

Your input is needed at these open houses on the proposed draft transit service options that have resulted from previous public input and ongoing public discussion. Information on proposed near-term changes and enhancements to fixed-route bus service will be provided including proposed changes to current fixed-route transit service, new neighborhood routes, and a new Downtown shuttle route. Information on long-term service options and organizational and funding concepts will also be provided.

The Transit Development Plan will include the results from previously completed phases of the study including a comprehensive operations analysis (COA), near- and long-term transit service alternatives, updated service standards and policies, and management and funding options. Once a draft report is developed to include the findings from previous phases, the report will be provided to the Advisory Committee and then presented to the StarTran Advisory Board for review.

The consultant on the project is Urbitran Associates, an engineering, architectural and planning firm headquartered in New York City.

This study is expected to be

completed by mid-2007.

Your attendance and input at these upcoming Open Houses is critical to the development of this Transit Development Plan. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!



### Draft Transit Study Proposal

#### Highlights

- Near-Term Action Items
  - Restructured Bus Routes and Services, New Neighborhood Routes, New Downtown Shuttle
- Long-Term Service Options and Concepts
- Organizational and Financing Options



## **Transit Open Houses**

- **Wed. Mar. 28**
  - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - 4-6 p.m.
- **Energy Square**
- **1111 O St., Rm. 109a**

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## **Upcoming Study Milestones**

**Public Open  
Houses**

*March 28, 2007*

**Plan Review  
Process**

*May/June 2007*

**City Budget  
Approval**

*Summer 2007*

**Proposed  
Transit Plan  
Marketing**

*Fall/Winter 2007*

**Proposed  
Transit Plan  
Implementation**

*January 2008*

## **Get involved by:**

- Emailing your ideas and comments to: [plan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:plan@lincoln.ne.gov)
- Visiting the web site – [lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/transit](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/transit)
- Faxing ideas to 441-6377
- Getting on the mailing list by calling 441-7491
- Attend future Transit Development Plan meetings
- Contacting the StarTran offices at 441-7185 or the Planning Department at 441-7491

